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By: *Teresa Anderson*  
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## CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/970,296, filed on 09/970,296 entitled POPPET VALVE AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME by the following inventor(s):

1.  Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 9 pages of specification, 10 claims, 1 page of abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and 4 pages of oath or declaration.
2.  Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3.  Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.
4.  Payment of fees:
  - Attached is a check in the amount of
  - Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
  - PAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE IS BEING DEFERRED.
5.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.

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6.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of the first page the paragraph:  
"This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/970,296, filed 09/970,296, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."

7.  A set of formal drawings ( sheets) is enclosed.

8.  Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

9.  The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .

9.  The prior application is assigned of record to Colder Products Company located at 1001 Westgate Drive, St. Paul, MN 55114.

10.  The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

Merchant & Gould P.C.  
Minneapolis, MN 55402-2215

11.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

Fee for excess claims is attached.

12.  A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.

13.  The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:

14.  A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.

15.  Also Enclosed: Application Data Sheet, Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449

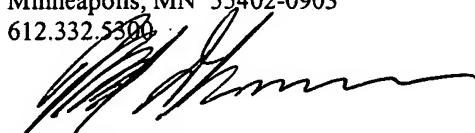
16.  Address all future communications to the **Attention of Michael D. Schumann** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.

17.  A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
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Date: January 13, 2004